

Remarks/Arguments

The office action indicates the examiner's rejections of claims 1-3, 6-8, and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a), and claims 4-5, and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C § 103(a). A telephone interview was conducted on 14 August 2003 between the examiner and the applicant concerning these rejections. The applicant presented further arguments pertaining to the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejections under Youman et al. The examiner and the applicant came to the agreement that Youman et al., does not teach or suggest concurrently displaying a list of program descriptive field and an entry for entering a text string" as recited by the current claim 1. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-3, 6-8, and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Youman et al. (WO 96/174473).

It is submitted that the present claims are not anticipated by Youman et al. because it does not disclose, teach or suggest a "control means for displaying **concurrently** a list of program descriptive field and an entry for entering a text string" as recited by claim 1 (emphasis added).

The user of the present invention can select a program descriptive field from the list of program descriptive fields and then enter a text string having one or more user-selectable characters without having to change menu screens. This has the desirable feature of reminding the user which program descriptive field has been selected and saving time by allowing the user to quickly select a different program descriptive field without having to change menu screens or repeat a series of perform an alphabetical text string search based on a selected program descriptive field.

It is submitted that Youman et al., does not teach or suggest the concurrently displaying "program descriptive fields" and an entry for entering a text string. The system taught by Youman et al. shows a first menu screen (Fig. 38C) with selection boxes relating to "Time," "Channel," and "Title." Once a user makes a selection from the first menu screen, the user is then presented with a second menu screen that is configured to automatically display the listings in alphabetical order. (Fig. 38D, Col. 31, lines 1-8) The second menu screen depicted in Youman et al. further comprises a search mode which allows a user to input characters in the character boxes and only the corresponding listings are shown in the

listings. (col 31, lines 52-67) Youman et al. does not teach, or suggest displaying "**concurrently** a list of program descriptive field and an entry for entering a text string" as recited by claim 1. (emphasis added)

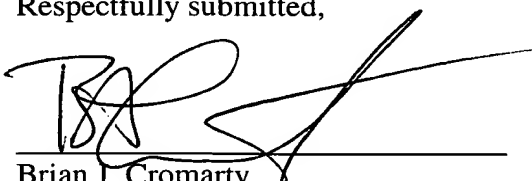
It is for this reason that it is submitted that the amended claim 1 is not anticipated by Youman et al. Furthermore it is submitted that independent claims 6 and 12 are allowable for the at least the same reason as claim 1. Since dependant claims 2-5, 7-11, and 13 are dependant from the allowable claims 1, 6, and 12 it is submitted that they are allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 6.

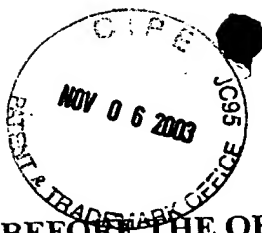
35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 4-5 and 9-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Youman et al. (WO 96/174473) For the same reasons as stated above, since dependant claims 4-5 and 9-10 are dependant from the allowable claims 1 and 6, it is submitted that they are patentably distinguishable over Youman et al. Therefore, claims 4-5 and 9-10 are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1 and 6 are allowable as described above.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled. It is believed that no additional fees are due, but if this is not the case, please charge any fees due to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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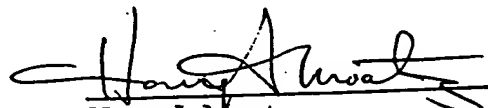
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